

Scotland County and the efforts to collect on the alleged debt appear to have occurred within the state court system in Scotland County. In the summons filed by the Plaintiff, he lists an address for the Defendant in Trenton, North Carolina, which is in Jones County, North Carolina and within the Eastern District (Eastern Division). (Doc. No. 1-2).

Federal law provides that the district court may transfer an action “[f]or the convenience of the parties and witnesses, in the interest of justice . . . to any other district or division where it might have been brought . . .” 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a). See also 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a) (providing for transfer of venue on the court’s own motion). The Court observes that none of the allegations described in the Complaint appear to have any connection to this district. Based on the record before this Court, it appears that venue is proper within the Middle District because Plaintiff resides in that district; the real property is located in that district; and the lien appears to have been filed in that district. For the foregoing reasons, the Court finds that this matter should be transferred to the Middle District of North Carolina for further proceedings.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the clerk of court shall transfer this case to the Middle District of North Carolina.

Following transfer, the Clerk of Court is directed to close this civil case.

Signed: December 10, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Graham C. Mullen", written over a horizontal line.

Graham C. Mullen
United States District Judge

